

Almost Continuous Mappings on an Almost Locally Connected Spaces

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I. Introduction

The object of this paper is to introduce an almost open and almost continuous mappings on an almost locally connected spaces. In general, almost continuous mappings are weaker than continuous mappings and stronger than weakly continuous mappings. And almost open mappings are weaker than open mappings. Noiri [6] and Rose [7] proved the equal condition of weakly continuous mappings. Using it, we studied the condition of the mappings under which the image of almost locally connected space is almost locally connected space. The concept of subweakly continuity was introduced by Rose. Weakly continuity implies subweakly continuity, but the converse implication does not hold (See Example 2.15). In [6], Noiri proved that the image of weakly continuous mapping of connected space is connected. We proved that if Y is second countable, the image of subweakly continuous mapping. We found the condition under which the image of subweakly continuous mapping of connected space is connected.

II. Preliminaries and Notations

In this paper, (X, τ) will denote a topological space X with a topology τ and all mappings are onto.

Definition 2.1. A subset U of a topological space X is said to be regular open (or regular closed) if it is the interior of its own closure (or the closure of its own interior) equivalently, if it is the interior of some closed set (or the closure of some open set). Clearly, a set is regular open if and only if its complement is regular closed.

Definition 2.2. A mapping $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be almost continuous at a point x in X if for every neighborhood V of $f(x)$, there is a neighborhood U of x such that $f(U) \subset \text{int}(\text{cl } V)$. f is almost continuous on X if f is almost continuous at each point of X .

Theorem 2.3. f is almost continuous if and only if the inverse image of every regular open subset of Y is open subset of X . (Theorem 2.2 [5])

f is almost continuous if and only if for each regular open neighborhood V of $f(x)$, there is a neighborhood U of x such that $f(U) \subset V$. (Theorem 2.1 [5])

Definition 2.4. A mapping $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be weakly continuous if for each point x in X and each neighborhood V of $f(x)$, there is a neighborhood U of x such that $f(U) \subset \text{cl } V$.

Definition 2.5. A mapping $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be almost open (almost closed) if the image of every regular open (regular closed) subset of X is open (closed) subset of Y .

Clearly, a one-to-one mapping is almost open if and only if it is almost closed.

Definition 2.6. A space (X, τ) is said to be almost regular if for each x in X and each neighborhood U of x , there is a regular open neighborhood V of x such that $\text{cl}V \subset \text{int}(\text{cl}U)$.

Theorem 2.7. (X, τ) : almost regular if and only if for each x in X and each regular open neighborhood U of x , there is a regular open neighborhood V of x such that $x \in V \subset \text{cl}V \subset U$. (Theorem 2.2 [4])

Remark 2.8. Every regular space is almost regular. But the converse is not true. (Example 3.4 [8])

Definition 2.9. A space X is said to be Urysohn space if for every pair of distinct points x and y in X , there are neighborhoods U and V such that $x \in U$, $y \in V$ and $\text{cl}U \cap \text{cl}V = \emptyset$

Theorem 2.10. Every almost regular and Hausdorff space is Urysohn space. (Theorem 3.2 [4])

Definition 2.11. A space X is said to be almost locally connected at a point x in X if given a regular open neighborhood U of x , there is a connected neighborhood V of x such that $V \subset U$. X is almost locally connected provided X is almost locally connected at each of its points.

Remark 2.12. Every locally connected space is almost locally connected. But the converse is not true. (Example 3.4 [8])

Definition 2.13. A mapping $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be connected if $f(C)$ is connected whenever C is connected in X .

Definition 2.14. A mapping $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be subweakly continuous if there is an open basis B for the topology on Y such that $\text{cl}f^{-1}(V) \subset f^{-1}(\text{cl}V)$ for all V in B .

Clearly, every weakly continuous mapping is subweakly continuous. But the converse is not true. The following is the example.

Example 2.15. Let X be any set with a non-discrete T_1 topology and let $Y=X$ have the discrete topology. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be the identity mapping. Then this map is subweakly continuous but not weakly continuous.

Definition 2.16. A space (X, τ) is said to be semi-regular if X has a basis consisting of regular open sets.

III. Almost continuous mappings on an almost locally connected spaces

Lemma 3.1. A mapping $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is weakly continuous if and only if $\text{cl}f^{-1}(V) \subset f^{-1}(\text{cl}V)$ for each open subset V of Y .

Theorem 3.2. If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is an almost open and almost continuous mapping and is regular open in Y , then $f^{-1}(V)$ is regular open in X .

Proof. Let V be a regular open in Y . By Lemma 3.1, $\text{cl}f^{-1}(V) \subset f^{-1}(\text{cl}V)$. Since f is almost continuous, $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in X . Therefore $\text{int}(\text{cl}f^{-1}(V))$ is regular open in X .

Since f is almost open, $f(\text{int}(\text{cl}f^{-1}(V)))$ is open in Y . And

$$\text{int}(\text{cl}f^{-1}(V)) \subset f(\text{cl}f^{-1}(V)) \subset ff^{-1}(\text{cl}V) \subset \text{cl}V$$

Since $f(\text{int}(\text{cl}f^{-1}(V)))$ is open, $f(\text{int}(\text{cl}f^{-1}(V))) \subset \text{int}(\text{cl}V) = V$.

Hence $\text{int}(\text{cl}f^{-1}(V)) \subset f^{-1}(V)$

Since the converse inclusion is trivial, $f^{-1}(V)$ is regular open.

Theorem 3.3. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be an almost open, almost continuous and connected mapping. If X is almost locally connected space, then Y is almost locally connected.*

Proof. Let V be a regular open neighborhood of y in Y . Since f is onto, there is x in X such that $f(x) = y$. By Theorem 3.2, $f^{-1}(U)$ is regular open neighborhood of x . Since X is almost locally connected, there is a regular open connected neighborhood U of x such that $x \in U \subset f^{-1}(V)$. Since f is almost open and connected, $f(U)$ is open connected neighborhood of y in Y and $f(U) \subset ff^{-1}(V) \subset V$.

Corollary 3.4. *If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is an almost open, continuous and X is almost locally connected space, then Y is almost locally connected.*

Theorem 3.5. *If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is an almost open, almost continuous, one-to-one mapping and X is almost regular, then Y is almost regular.*

Proof. Let V be a regular open neighborhood of $f(x)$. By Theorem 3.2, $f^{-1}(V)$ is a regular open neighborhood of x in X . Since X is almost regular, there is a regular open neighborhood U of x in X such that

$$x \in U \subset \text{cl}U \subset f^{-1}(V) = \text{int}(\text{cl}f^{-1}(V))$$

Since f is almost open and one-to-one, f is almost closed.

Since $\text{cl}U$ is regular closed, $\text{cl}f(U) \subset f(\text{cl}U)$.

Hence

$$(x) \in f(U) \subset \text{cl}f(U) \subset f(\text{cl}U) \subset f(\text{int}(\text{cl}f^{-1}(V))) \subset \text{int} f(\text{cl}f^{-1}(V)) \subset \text{int} ff^{-1}(\text{cl}V) \subset \text{int}(\text{cl}V) = V.$$

Corollary 3.6. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be an almost open, almost continuous and one-to-one mapping. If X is almost regular and Y is Hausdorff space, then Y is Urysohn space.*

Proof. By Theorem 3.5, Y is almost regular. By Theorem 2.10, Y is Urysohn space.

Theorem 3.7. *If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a weakly continuous mapping and Y is almost regular, then f is almost continuous.*

Proof. Let V be a regular open neighborhood of $f(x)$. Since Y is almost regular, there is a regular open neighborhood W of $f(x)$ such that $f(x) \in W \subset \text{cl}W \subset V$. Since f is weakly continuous, there is a neighborhood U of x such that

$$f(x) \in f(U) \subset \text{cl}W \subset V$$

But f can not be continuous mappings in Theorem 3.7. The following is the example.

Example 3.8. Let R be the set of real numbers and let \mathscr{U} be the usual topology on R and let τ be the another topology on R generated by the union of \mathscr{U} and τ , the topology of countable complement on R . Then (R, τ) is an almost regular space. Define $f : (R, \mathscr{U}) \rightarrow (R, \tau)$ be the identity mapping. Then f is weakly continuous. Hence f is almost continuous. But f is not continuous at any point.

Corollary 3.9. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a weakly continuous mapping. If Y is almost regular and semi-regular, then f is continuous.*

Proof. By Theorem 3.7, f is almost continuous. Since Y is semi-regular, f is continuous.

Definition 3.10. A collection \mathcal{U} of subsets of X is locally finite if each x in X has a neighborhood meeting only finite many $U \in \mathcal{U}$

Lemma 3.11. *If $\{A_\lambda | \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ is a locally finite system, then $\cup cl A_\lambda = cl \cup A_\lambda$*

Theorem 3.12. *If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is subweakly continuous, X is connected and $\{f^{-1}(W_i) | W_i \in \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}$ is a base of $Y\}$ is a locally finite system and Y is second countable then Y is connected.*

Proof. Suppose Y is not connected. Then there are non-empty disjoint open subsets V_1 and V_2 in Y such that $V_1 \cup V_2 = Y$.

Hence $f^{-1}(V_1) \cap f^{-1}(V_2) = \emptyset$ and $f^{-1}(V_1) \cup f^{-1}(V_2) = X$.

Since Y is second countable, there is a basis \mathcal{B} such that $V_1 = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} W_{1j}$ and $V_2 = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} W_{2j}$, $W_{ij} \in \mathcal{B} (i=1, 2)$

$$\begin{aligned} cl f^{-1}(V_1) &= cl f^{-1}\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} W_{1j}\right) = cl \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} f^{-1}(W_{1j}) = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} cl f^{-1}(W_{1j}) \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} f^{-1}(cl W_{1j}) \\ &= f^{-1}\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} cl W_{1j}\right) \subset f^{-1}(cl \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} W_{1j}) = f^{-1}(V_1) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $f^{-1}(V_1) = cl f^{-1}(V_1)$

Hence $f^{-1}(V_1)$ is open and closed subset of X . Similarly, $f^{-1}(V_2)$ is open and closed subset of X . It contradicts that X is connected.

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